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Today's Weather

It will be cool, with low clouds and northwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

| | Overnight | Daytime |
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| | Low | High |
| Amman | 9 | 20 |
| Aqaba | 17 | 30 |
| Deserts | 10 | 25 |
| Jordan Valley | 13 | 28 |

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 18, Aqaba 29. Sunset tonight: 6:24 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 4:40 a.m.

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Missile crisis may save the election for Begin, polls suggest

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 8 (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's chances of re-election June 30 have been dramatically over the past three months, analysts say, and his handling of the Iranian missile crisis could help give him victory.

political fortunes took a fur-upward bound today with a bowing his popularity at its peak in two years.

survey, in the newspaperetz, provided further evidence of an Israeli electorate stills economic grievances and ing in admiration around an ently invigorated and com-leader.

prime minister's handling Lebanese missile crisis seeo contribute strongly to his ved standing in the Haaretz Of those canvassed 41.7 per picked Mr. Begin as their popular government min-

s was an unusually sharp inc- of 10.7 per cent over the us month and the highest Mr. Begin has enjoyed since The questioning was carried hen the Lebanese crisis was ing with Israel shooting two Syrian helicopters and bequent installation of Syr-

Qaboos: Why not a ful role NATO?

UT, May 8 (A.P.) — Sultan os Ibn Said of Oman says the ay for Gulf nations to de-fend themselves against the Soviet ar" is to join the North At- Treaty Organisation as rvers," a Paris-based Leb-weekly magazine reported

sultan said in an April 20 ew with Al Mostakbal: pe and the U.S. should in the defence of their vital its in the countries with they have strategically im- relations, and which are e the geographical extent of lantic, by including them in ance thus making them part Western defence system."

an Qaboos said there must "balance" between the two powers in achieving Gulf y. He said the would offer lies but not military bases" West.

Omani ruler said concern ury had made Oman give nited States military fac- in his country.

is because we are ency- the Soviet Union from all while being the gateway to Arabian Peninsula and the el of the oil flow to the Wes- industrial world," he said, only thing that would deter emies from attacking us is knowledge that we are fri- of the West."

Libya denies aiding terrorists as U.S. expels diplomats

IPOLI, May 8 (Agencies) — Libya re- angrily today to the United States' de- c- n to expel all Libyan diplomats and th- ned to take "the necessary measures" if U.S. continued to pursue what it called a tile foreign policy.

the first official Libyan reaction to the U.S. announcement two ago, Libya rejected State Department charges that it supported national terrorism.

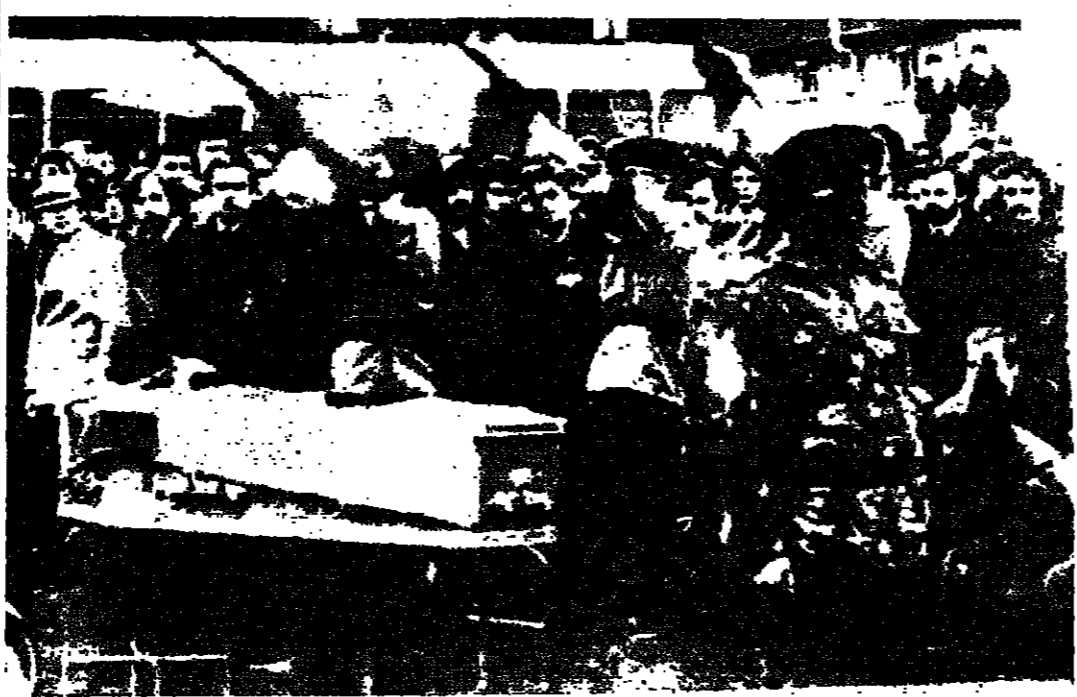
People's Foreign Liaison Bureau (foreign ministry), in a state- carried by the official Jamahiriya News Agency (JANA), Libya had stressed more than once that it condemned in- tional terrorism and accused the United States of using a "flimsy at with no basis in truth" in ordering the expulsions.

before labelling others with international terrorism the Ame- administration must remember the acts of international ter- m it committed in Vietnam and El Salvador as it bombarded its planes thousands of innocents and destroyed houses, bridges the basic structure of these countries," the bureau said.

the American administration continued to pursue its "hostile gn policy" against Libya the "Libyan Arab people will... take necessary measures which will enable it to confront this ag- ve policy," it said.

Libya said the United States had also to remember that the pro- on of nuclear weapons, the setting up of military bases and the nce of American fleets in the Mediterranean Sea were forms of

A last volley for Bobby Sands



An Irish Republican Army honour guard fires a volley over the coffin of jailed guerrilla Bobby Sands en route to the graveyard in Belfast, Northern Ireland on Thursday. The IRA announced Friday a new, still unnamed prisoner would resume the hunger strike broken off by Sands, whose funeral was attended by about 40,000 persons. (AP wirephoto)

Arabs should narrow the gap between rich and poor -- Hassan

TUNIS, May 8 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said here today that narrowing the economic gap between rich and poor Arab countries was "a very serious and urgent matter" necessary to strengthen joint Arab action.

Unless "we plan for our future, others will plan it for us according to their own priorities," he warned.

The Crown Prince's lecture, part of the first cultural season of the Arab League in Tunis, came on the fourth day of his visit to Tunisia, during which he has held talks with President Habib Bourguiba and Prime Minister Mohammed Mzali.

Crown Prince Hassan warned that joint Arab action should bypass the framework of intellectual luxury and take the form of "definite programmes and knowledge based on comprehensive and accurate studies." For example, the Arab food shortage is increasing day after day, not because of the

increase in demand, but because of the "complete failure in production," he said.

Crown Prince Hassan said that increased dependence on imports is a dangerous trend threatening Arab interests, security, including the bargaining over our legitimate rights in complete sovereignty and our persistent endeavours to enhance the revenues of our resources, particularly oil.

He said that when speaking about Arab economic development, Arabs must focus on the "qualitative questions" rather than the quantitative ones, and the Arab World should become self-reliant.

Crown Prince Hassan called for consolidating the Arab economy through programmes of co-operation and investments serving the mutual interests of the Arab countries.

He said that the present policy of regional Arab development did not encourage integration among Arab countries, even the nei-

ghbouring ones. Consequently, the regional trend in development has created currents opposing the process of Arab economic integration. For example, several plants producing the same commodity have been established in more than one Arab country, he said.

Crown Prince Hassan said the process of industrialisation and the acquisition of the necessary technological know-how has been fumbling. This is because instead of achieving a greater degree of self-reliance, Arab countries have increased their subservience to other countries, particularly the industrial countries, he said.

The Crown Prince noted that production, consumption and trade patterns in industrial countries directly affect economic and social conditions in the Arab World. Unless Arabs tackle this situation and take the necessary integrative measures, their subservience to these countries will increase in all fields.

German and Cuban advisers in Chad, is said to have refused. This, the sources said, explained the reappearance of Mr. Aycl, a Qadhafi loyalist, on the political stage. Diplomatic sources in Sudan, in touch with developments across the border, agreed that Libya was trying to replace Mr. Goukouni with Mr. Aycl and was attempting to move in Aycl loyalists in Abeche after doing so in Om Hagar and Om Chalou, 250 and 330 kilometres respectively from Abeche.

Mr. Goukouni had talks with Cameroun President Ahmadou Ahidjo today on developments in Chad, officials said.

Diplomats believed Mr. Ahidjo would use the discussions to assess how much Mr. Goukouni is still influenced by Libya. Mr. Goukouni arrived in the northern Cameroun city of Ngaoundere yesterday, and was scheduled to return home later today.

Cameroun protested officially to both Libya and Chad after a Libyan MiG-23 which had taken off from N'Djamena crashed in Cameroun last Thursday.

But Mr. Ali Ahmad Houderi told reporters no decision had been made on how to respond to the U.S. move.

The news media in the Soviet Union, a close ally of Libya, charged yesterday that the United States had failed to make public any proof of Libyan involvement in terrorist activities.

Moscow Radio said the department limited its explanation of the move to "vague allegations that Libyan diplomats were involved in terrorism."

Talks with Sarkis, Wazzan Habib's busy in Beirut; Syrians firm on missiles

BEIRUT, May 8 (Agencies) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East trouble-shooter had daylong talks on the Syrian-

Israeli missiles crisis in Beirut today as Syria again served notice it will not withdraw its SAM-6 batteries from Lebanon.

Artillery explosions and gunfire rocked the "Green Line" that divides Beirut into opposing camps as Mr. Philip Habib held separate conferences with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan.

Mr. Wazzan told reporters after meeting Mr. Habib that the envoy "did not carry specific proposals but tried through some questions to dwell on some ideas which he apparently had in mind."

He did not elaborate. The Beirut press speculated that Mr. Habib is proposing withdrawal of the missiles in return for a halt of Israeli raids in Lebanon.

Four mortar shells exploded near the prime ministry only 15 minutes before Mr. Habib's arrival for the conference with Mr. Wazzan.

Mr. Habib's motorcade had just passed the Galerie Semaan "Green Line" crossing point when gunfire erupted in the area. Reporters following the procession had to detour to rejoin the U.S. envoy at U.S. Ambassador John Guehrer's residence in the suburb of Yarzeh, eight kilometres east of Beirut.

Mr. Habib also conferred with parliamentary speaker Kamal Assad and with Falangist Party leader Pierre Gemayel and his elder son Amin. Mr. Gemayel's younger son, Bashir, overall mil-

itary commander of all rightist militias, is to meet Mr. Habib later.

"The meeting with Habib was very good and useful," Mr. Pierre Gemayel said after the one-hour conference.

Mr. Habib, who is accompanied by State Department Assistant Undersecretary for Middle East Affairs Morris Draper, scheduled meetings for tomorrow with Mr. Walid Junblatt, head of Lebanon's leftist alliance, and with government ministers representing the eastern Lebanese city of Zable, which is under a 38-day-old Syrian siege.

Mr. Habib plans to leave for Damascus at mid-morning tomorrow for talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam before going to Israel on Sunday.

Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Georgy Korniyenko today wound up three days of talks with Syrian leaders in Damascus and returned home, saying his talks were fruitful, successful and very useful.

"Our attitudes were firm, especially with regard to achieving a just and lasting peace in the Middle East," Mr. Korniyenko said, without making any reference to the Soviet-made SAM-6 missile batteries Syria has deployed in Lebanon to counter Israeli air attacks on Syrian forces there.

But the Syrian defence ministry said in a statement shortly after Mr. Korniyenko's departure that the missile batteries will remain in Lebanon as long as Syrian forces are there.

Meanwhile, Associated Press correspondent Alex Efy and photographer Bill Foley toured Southern Lebanon today and saw no evidence of Syrian troops or arm- our beyond Israel's Zaharani River "Red Line" — refuting yesterday's Lebanese government reports.

Mr. Efy visited the village of Kfar Tibnit, just 13 kilometres north of the Israeli settlement of Metulla, where the government sources had said the Syrians moved part of two armoured brigades; about 4,000 men.

He said there was no evidence of Syrian troops or tanks in the Kfar Tibnit area.

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

BONN, May 8 (R) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, under increasingly vehement attack from Israeli Premier Menachem Begin, has pleaded for restraint between the two countries and warned against "exaggerated polemics." In a conciliatory, low-key speech to the Bundestag (lower house) yesterday, he defended himself only indirectly against Mr. Begin's charge that he had lost sight of German responsibility for the slaughter of European Jewry in World War II. Mr. Schmidt, whose war role was again denounced by Mr. Begin yesterday, said recent events had shown clearly that West Germany was affected by conflicts that were not its own. "Let us therefore beware of getting excited, let us beware of exaggerated polemics, but let us also beware of dangerous simplifications," he said. Apparently addressing Israel, he added: "I would be glad if my request for moderation could also find a hearing beyond our borders."

WASHINGTON, May 8 (A.P.) — A senior State Department official has urged that the U.S. Congress be patient and wait for the Reagan administration's full rationale behind its controversial decision to sell five AWACS radar planes to Saudi Arabia. "I hope that you will reserve judgment until the details can be worked out," Mr. James L. Buckley, undersecretary of state for security assistance, said this week in testimony before the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. Mr. Buckley told the panel that he believes the full data will "allay many of your fears" about the sale which the administration wants to include in a multibillion-dollar arms package for Saudi Arabia.

PEKING, May 8 (R) — China and Iraq today signed two agreements on trade and economic and technical cooperation, the New China News Agency reported. It said the trade agreement was signed by Chinese Foreign Trade Minister Li Qiang and Iraqi Trade Minister Hassan Ali, and the economic and technical cooperation accord by Mr. Li and Iraqi Housing and Construction Minister Mohammad Fadhil. The two Iraqi ministers were visiting China together with First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, who earlier had a meeting with Chinese Communist Party Chairman Deng Xiaoping. Details of the agreements and the talks were not disclosed. The Iraqi delegation later left for Bangladesh. China, which has enjoyed good relations with Iraq for many years, has called on both Iraq and Iran to solve their conflict by peaceful means. Peking is also trying to improve its relations with Tehran.

JEDDAH, May 8 (R) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan will visit Saudi Arabia from May 16 to 18 and will hold talks with Saudi government ministers, American embassy officials said today. Mr. Regan will officially lead the American delegation to the annual meeting in Riyadh of the Saudi Arabian-United States joint economic commission and meet American businessmen in the kingdom. But the officials said he is also likely to meet Saudi Finance Minister Mohammad Ali Aba Al Khalil and other ministers during his visit.

Swedish coalition quits

STOCKHOLM, May 8 (R) — Swedish Prime Minister Thorbjoern Faellidin today fended the resignation of his three-party coalition government to the speaker of the Riksdag (parliament) but said he was willing to form a new coalition of centrists and liberals.

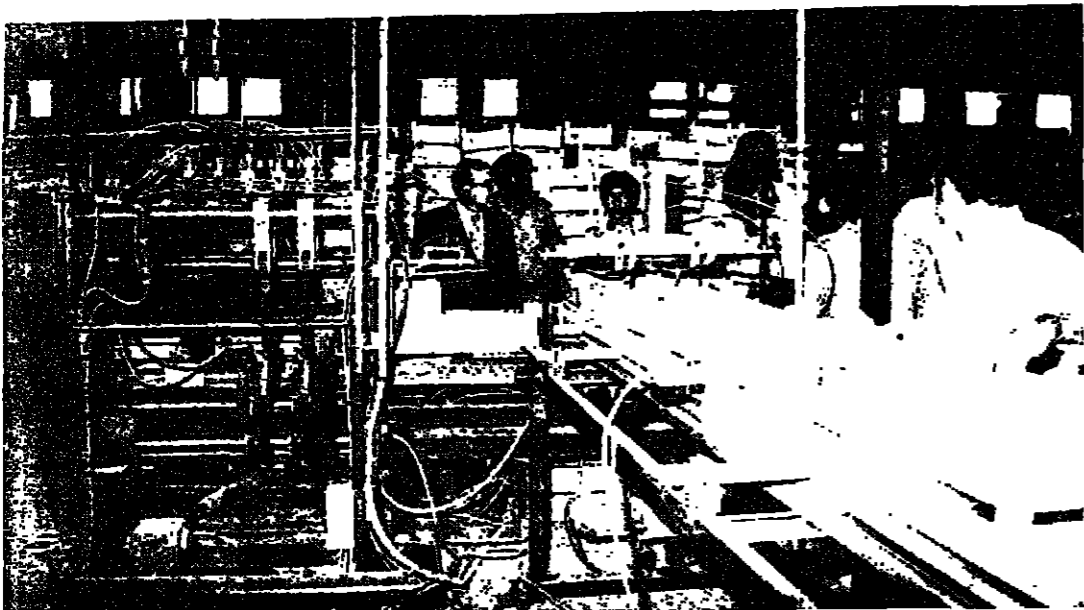
Mr. Faellidin, who is centrist party leader, called a press conference today to announce his decision jointly with Foreign Minister and Liberal leader Olo Ullsten.

"I have tendered the resignation of my government to the speaker but I have also declared my willingness to form a new coalition composed of centrists and liberals," Mr. Faellidin said.

Earlier this week Sweden's frail coalition government was brought to the brink of collapse after its conservative party ministers handed in their resignations on Monday over a dispute on income tax reform.

NATIONAL

Premier inspects Valley installations



AMMAN, May 8 (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran yesterday made a tour of the Jordan Valley, in which he visited the wholesale market at Al Farameh and Al Arda grading and packing centre. The prime minister inspected the central Farameh *sag* area and heard the views of members of the public there. On his visit to Al Arda centre, which is supervised by the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA), he inspected its sections and equipment and got acquainted with the tomato grading and packing operations. He also visited the crate assembly plant

(above). Mr. Badran also headed a meeting at Al Arda centre, during which he discussed with officials there matters related to the production and marketing of tomatoes. A plant will be founded for the processing of tomato paste in the Jordan Valley to absorb the surplus of tomatoes in the future, it was decided. Mr. Badran was accompanied on the tour by Agriculture Minister Marwan Dudin. JVA President Omar Abdallah, and Agriculture Ministry Under Secretary Salem Al Lawzi.

Scientists' meeting urges Arabisation, promotion of Arab research work

AMMAN, May 8 (Petra) — The Second Arab Scientific Conference on Physics and Mathematics ended its four-day meetings yesterday at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office in Amman.

The conference adopted several resolutions and recommendations on the convening of symposiums, scientific research and higher studies, Arabisation and scientific terminology.

The final statement asserted the significance of continuing to hold general meetings once every three years, and specialised meetings once a year. They also asserted the significance of participation by expatriate Arab scientists in the conferences organised by the conference of Arab physicists and mathematicians and requesting Arab officials to facilitate the travel of scientists among Arab countries.

On the subject of scientific research and higher studies, the participants recommended that the subject be given more attention by Arab universities, keeping the spirit of positive competition among these universities.

They also recommended the formation of scientific research academies and joint teams to prepare research papers jointly between Arab universities. They also recommended cooperation with the world's best universities through joint research and the exchange of professors. The establishment of national research centres in applied academic research on physics and mathematics, and the allocation of no less than two per cent of national income for supporting scientific research on the regional and pan-Arab levels was also urged.

As for the subject of Arabisation and scientific terminology, the conference asserted the significance of using the Arabic language in science whether in research or education, and exchanging expertise among the Arab countries to help in Arabisation.

The conference also recommended the use of scientific phrases by Arab science academies, in coordination with the Arabisation coordination bureau in Rabat and the federation of Arab physicists and mathematicians. It also recommended the enacting of legislation requiring abridgement by the Arabisation process, and boosting the work of scientific translation and writing.

The participants in the conference affirmed that the question of Arabisation is not only a linguistic question but a political one, posing a challenge to the Arab Nation and signifying a choice: whether to stay within the sphere of subservience, or to advance Arab science again to enable the Arab Nation to cope with the scientific challenges of the age.

The participants also called for the establishment of an Arab science organisation to include the best Arab scientists and specialists to transfer modern science and technology into Arabic, in order to provide the foundation for a scientific Arab civilisation, through scientific writing and innovation.

King receives Moroccan aide

AMMAN, May 8 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at the royal court yesterday Moroccan Information Minister, Abdul Wahid Balgriz, who conveyed to the King a message from King Hassan II of Morocco on developments in the Arab World, particularly those related to northwest Africa. The message also dealt with strengthening relations between the two fraternal countries and the continuation of dialogue and consultations in the service of the supreme Arab interest. The meeting was attended by Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi. Mr. Balgriz arrived in Amman yesterday morning.

Jordan marks Red Crescent and Red Cross Day

AMMAN, May 8 (Petra) — Jordan celebrated today International Red Crescent and Red Cross Day.

The president of the Jordanian Red Crescent Society, Dr. Ahmad Abu Qoura, in a statement on the occasion, praised the steadfastness of the Arab kinsmen in the occupied Arab territories and their confrontation of all forms of torture, injustice and persecution by the Israeli occupation authorities. He also made an appeal to every Arab citizen to participate in or volunteer for humanitarian work. He called on people of good will to help the needy and support the voluntary humanitarian centres by rendering the necessary services to them.

Dr. Abu Qoura explained that the Jordanian Red Crescent Society established this year a blood bank capable of meeting the society's current needs. He said the bank will be open to everyone after it is equipped with all the needed instruments. The society is currently working to increase the services rendered by the first aid centres at its Amman hospital, he added.

The Communications Ministry marked the occasion by issuing a commemorative postage stamp. The stamp, which comes in 25, 40 and 50 fils denominations will be offered for sale at all post offices as of Saturday, May 9.

American aide arrives here

AMMAN, May 8 (J.T.) — American Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Francis West arrived here today for a visit to Jordan during which he will meet with several government and military officials. Mr. West was met at Amman Airport by the chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Abdul Hadi Majali, and a number of senior armed forces officers. During his visit Mr. West will also visit several antiquities sites in the country.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN, May 8 (Petra) — A new class of conscripts was graduated yesterday at Al Masjidayn Royal School. The commandant of the school made a speech calling on the conscripts to abide by values, ethics and the military knowledge they have gained during the period of their training in the armed forces. He also called on them to do their efforts to serve the homeland, and congratulated them on the graduation. The graduation ceremony was attended by seven armed forces officers and men, and the families of the graduates. Similar graduation ceremonies of conscripts also took place at the Armour and Engineering Corps School.

AMMAN, May 8 (Petra) — Communications Minister Mohammed Addoub Al Zaben has decided to establish a communications directorate in Madaba District. The headquarters of the directorate will be in Madaba, and will render services to the city and 48 other towns and villages in the district. Dr. Zaben also decided to transfer the Amman suburb Communications Directorate from Madaba to Amman. Mr. Zaben said that the new arrangement is aimed at organising the progress of work in an effective manner, increasing productivity and securing better supervision of post offices.

AMMAN, May 8 (Petra) — Amman Municipality has recommended the closure of several commercial enterprises because of their violation of the trades and professions law and failure to abide by health regulations. The municipality has also recommended the revocation of several commercial enterprises after their owners rectified past mistakes and abided by the conditions of public health. The Health Department at the municipality has destroyed large quantities of foodstuffs for human consumption.

AMMAN, May 8 (Petra) — The military governor has approved sentences passed by the military court, fining seven merchants for ranging from JD 100 to JD 150 for violation of Ministry of Supply regulations. The sentences include the closure of several of the businesses for two weeks, and one-month imprisonment, in addition to the fines mentioned above.

AMMAN, May 8 (Petra) — The director general of the Statistics Department, Dr. Burhan Shraydeh, left Amman for Baghdad yesterday to attend the sixth meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Arab Institute for Statistical Training and Research which will open in Baghdad on Saturday. During its five-day meetings, the board will discuss the report submitted by a U.N. assessment mission and the proposed means to develop the institute, particularly those related to securing the necessary number of Arab experts to replace international experts, and increasing the support rendered by the institute to the Jordanian Statistical Training Centre. It will also discuss the programme of the masters of arts degree in statistics.

ZARQA, May 8 (Petra) — Officers, non-commissioned officers and directors of training at the Civil Defence Directorate in Zarqa Governorate yesterday gave lectures on Civil Defence duties and activities in several schools in the district. The lectures, which were delivered on the occasion of School Day in the governorate's schools, dealt with several subjects, such as rescue methods, first aid, firefighting, lifesaving and coping with emergencies. The lecturers affirmed the significance of educating students on the tasks and duties of the Civil Defence, and the need to provide the necessary shelter in school and population centres.

Romanian envoy praises relations with Jordan

AMMAN, May 8 (Petra) — Romanian Charge d'Affaires, George Grou, held a press conference in Amman yesterday on the occasion of Romanian Cultural Week.

Mr. Grou spoke about Jordanian-Romanian relations and the Romanian government stand on the Middle East issue, said that Jordan and Romania "linked by strong ties whose foundations were laid by His Majesty King Hussein and Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu during several meetings held between two leaders."

Mr. Grou pointed out that the Romanian government supports the establishment of a just and durable peace in the Middle East by full Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab areas and the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian Arab people, including their right to establish independent state.

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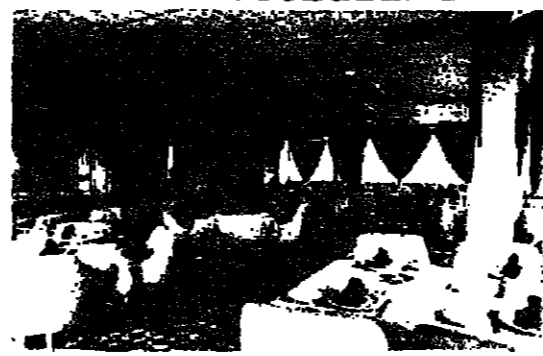
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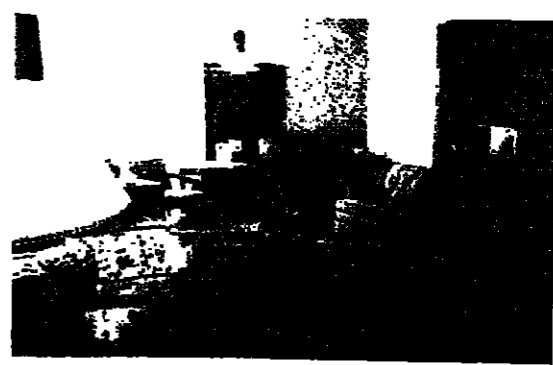


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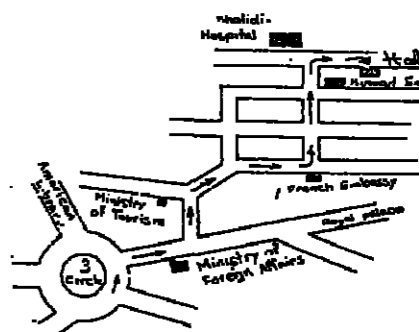
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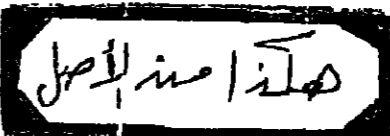


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JORDAN WEEKLY CALENDAR

(Week of May 9 - 15)
EXHIBITIONS

TUWING: The British Council presents "The Age of Shakespeare", an exhibition which employs pictures, photographs, music, models and costumes to explore the way of life of the 16th-century Englishman. The council will present a special programme of readings and scenes from Shakespeare. Lectures, performances and music related to the exhibition this week below. The exhibition is open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the council in Jabal Amman.

The Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts presents an exhibition of paintings by Iraqi artist Rafa' Al Nasiri. The exhibition is open to the public at the gallery, on Muntazah Square in Luweibdeh.

The University of Jordan presents an exhibition of paintings, pottery and handicrafts by 25 university students, at the university library.

SEMINAR

WEDNESDAY, May 9: The Jordanian Writers' Association presents the fifth and last in its series of artistic criticism workshops, "The Reality of Plastic Art Criticism in Jordan", which is held under the chairmanship of Nemer Sarhan. The seminar will start at 5 p.m., at the association's headquarters.

FILMS

WEDNESDAY, May 12: The Goethe Institute continues its women's series for the month of May. It presents "Maria Morzeck", which tells the story of a woman who lives with the tension of a film. The show starts at 8 p.m., at the institute in Jabal Amman.

THURSDAY, May 15: The French Cultural Centre presents "Le Crime de Crimes", directed by Nadine Trintignant. The show at 7:30 p.m., at the centre in Jabal Luweibdeh.

FIELD TRIP

THURSDAY, May 15: The Friends of Archaeology sponsors a field trip to the Umayyad desert castles Qasr Kharanah and Qasr al-Bisha of the Department of Antiquities. Meet at 8:30 a.m., at the Department of Antiquities Registration Centre.



16th-century woodcut; the yeoman's life, from the British Council's "Age of Shakespeare" exhibition.

VIDEOTAPE PROGRAMMES

WEDNESDAY, May 11: The French Cultural Centre presents "Hier et demain, La Grece", at 5 p.m., and the episode of "La maison des bois", 6 p.m., at the centre in Luweibdeh.

THURSDAY, May 12: The American Centre presents a videotape programme of CBS television news for the past week. The tape will be shown at noon and 4 p.m., at the centre's auditorium, off First Circle in Jabal Amman.

WEDNESDAY, May 13: The French Cultural Centre presents "L'etoile mysterieuse" at 5 p.m. and "L'etaire des campagnes", at 6 p.m., at the centre.

CHURCH SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, May 10: The Amman International Church (international and interdenominational) holds worship services each day at 6 p.m. Church School for adults at 5 p.m., nursery school. The church meets for worship in the Baptist School in Habisan.

The Church of the Redeemer (C. of E./ Anglican/ Episcopal) celebrates Holy Communion at 8 p.m., and holds Morning Service at noon and Evening Service at 4:30 p.m., all on Sunday. The church is located in the First Circle area, near the Ahliya School (S), beyond the China Restaurant.

PERFORMANCES AND LECTURES

Associated with the "Age of Shakespeare" exhibition, the British Council presents a programme of performances and a lecture.

WEDNESDAY, May 9: One-man theatre Mr. Brian Barnes will perform "The Wooden 'O'", which tells the history of Elithan theatre, at 7 p.m. at the council.

THURSDAY, May 10 and TUESDAY, May 12: The Haya Arts Ensemble and the Elizabethan Ensemble will perform a programme of music, scenes and poems from Shakespeare, in English and Arabic. At 7 p.m. each night, at the centre.

WEDNESDAY, May 11: The famous British poet Leonard Clark will recite on Shakespeare's poetry, at 7 p.m. at the centre.

Nasiri: Finding a road beyond the 'end'

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 8 - After post-painterly abstraction, which succeeded abstract expressionism, there seemed to be no point to which art could hope to progress. The "finality" of the genre made many artists abandon the idea of painting as a vehicle for what they wanted to do or say, turning instead to sculpture and kinetic art.

It seems, however, that Rafa' Al Nasiri, by sticking with painting, has progressed beyond that endpoint and has found a new mode, individual to himself, of expressing.

Rafa' Al Nasiri is an Iraqi artist who is exhibiting his latest work this week at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts. They are extremely complex intellectual paintings, not easily accessible - despite an immediate appeal which comes from the horizons of bright colours, with their deepening perspectives, and the ruinous ancient blocks of calligraphic stone which sometimes float unanchored in the divided space or at other times are firmly fixed and stable - forming a part of the whole.

To appreciate them fully requires more than one visit to the gallery, time in front of them to let the imagination run, to sense the space, to feel and see the nature not in everyday terms but as in dreamy reality.

Although Mr. Nasiri's early training was in China, it seems that his later European studies in Lisbon had a more profound influence. His work is typically Bauhaus: systematic, orderly and experimental. His paintings also seem to owe a lot to what the critics now term post-painterly abstraction, particularly to the artists Josef Albers, Barnett Newman and Morris Louis.

Like Albers' (a one-time student and teacher at the Bauhaus) the edges of Nasiri's colours and forms are definite, clean and crisp, like "hard-edged" abstraction -

but unlike hard-edged abstraction they generate no energy. He has understood that it is not the hardness of the boundaries, not the importance of one colour meeting the next with no fuzzy intermingling that counts, but the quality of the colour.

By these clean-edged forms, Mr. Nasiri attains an unusual composition which is almost "collage-like, not one specific vision," as one critic has written. The picture is divided, Newman-style, with a band or bands of colour; and Mr. Nasiri's main themes of

space and horizons, of skies and suns have their monotony broken with something very material. These objects are hard, architectural - sometimes looking like ancient Aztec temples, sometimes like organically shaped rocks - and they become a "substitute for the tangible, the earth."

On this hard texture are found many symbols, and the Arabic calligraphy, which give evidence of human presence - reality. But their meaning remains enigmatic.

More marks and motifs fill the deep desert like perspectives - crosses, dots of shiny surface, tongues or flickering flames of bright colour - all marks that pull the distant horizons back to two dimensions, that make the picture a field of colour while they intrigue with possible other meanings. The artist takes the symbols from his own traditions and from graffiti - the cross therefore becomes "a mark of negation, a refusal to accept the imperfection of the world" - and they are all added to give the picture more sense, as they are of certain significance to everyone who sees them.

Despite the fact that the objects, these rocks and ruins, are

very literal and graphically strong, it is still Mr. Nasiri's open landscapes, horizons and space, and therefore his colours, filling the upper half of his "collages" that carry one into the picture and hold one there. In a sense, perhaps only an Iraqi could paint these scenes, with their environmental background of the endless flatness of the desert and the brightness of the sun, which changes the colours from white through every hue so

quickly that only the eye of an artist could catch them.

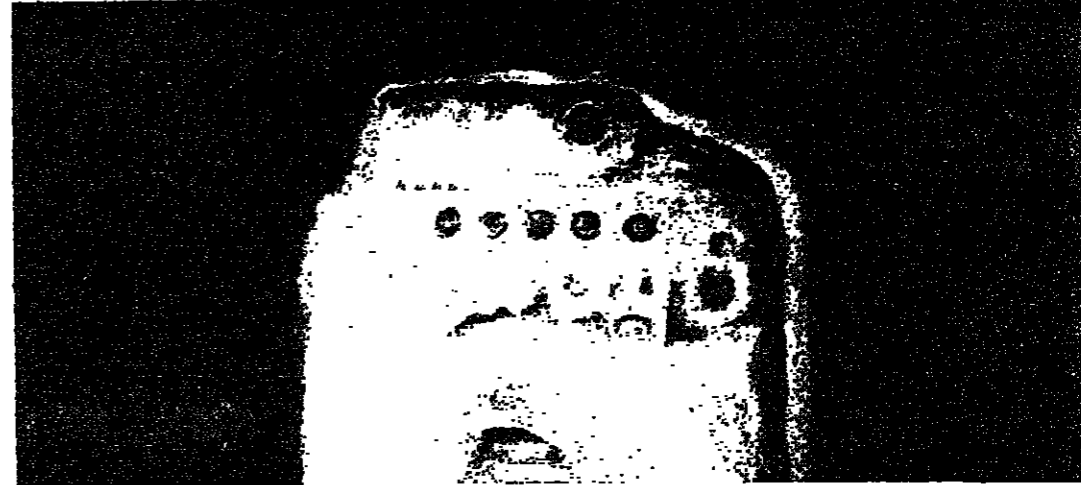
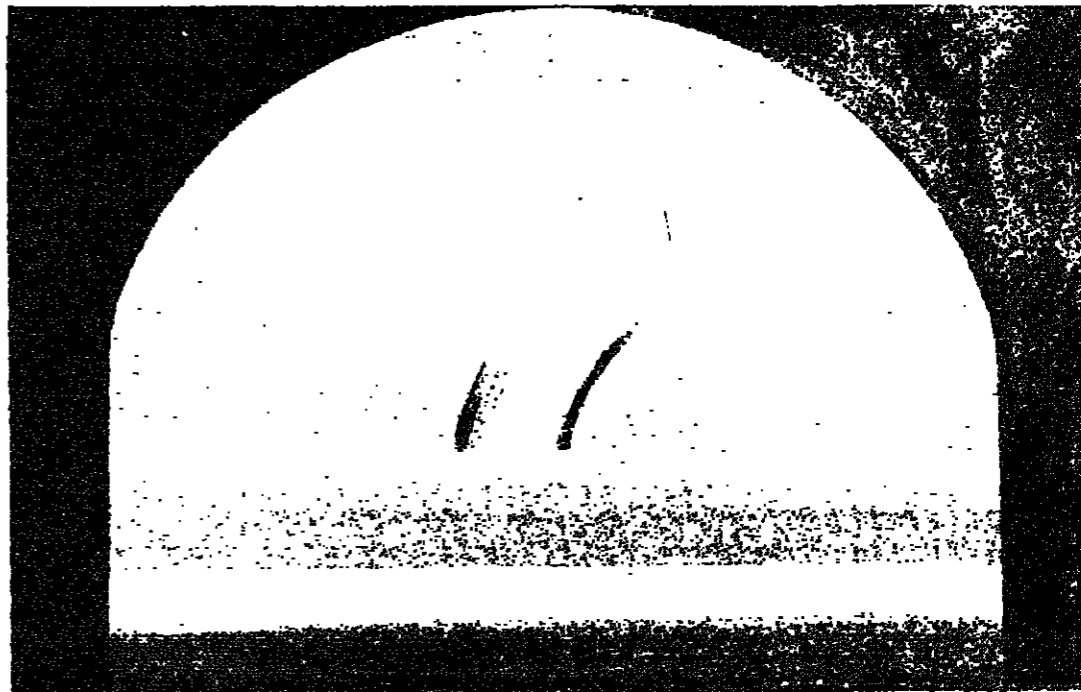
Colour for Mr. Nasiri is fast becoming his main element of expression - it controls the temperature and light of his work, and the subtlety of his hues shows his technical virtuosity. With the use of acrylic paint, the paintings look as if they have been stained - the colour lives in the very weave of the canvas, and at no time do

the fields of colour look as if they have been applied with a brush. This technique, first exploited by Morris Louis, means ultimately a revolt against light and dark, even shape, in favour of colour.

Which brings us to where the post-painterly abstractionists could go no further, but where Mr. Nasiri has done so, by continuing to draw on and keep in constant contact with nature - the source of inspiration of all time.



Rafa' Al Nasiri



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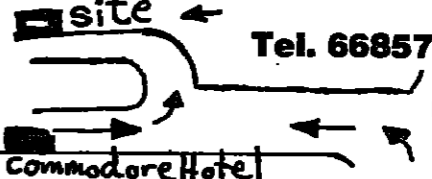
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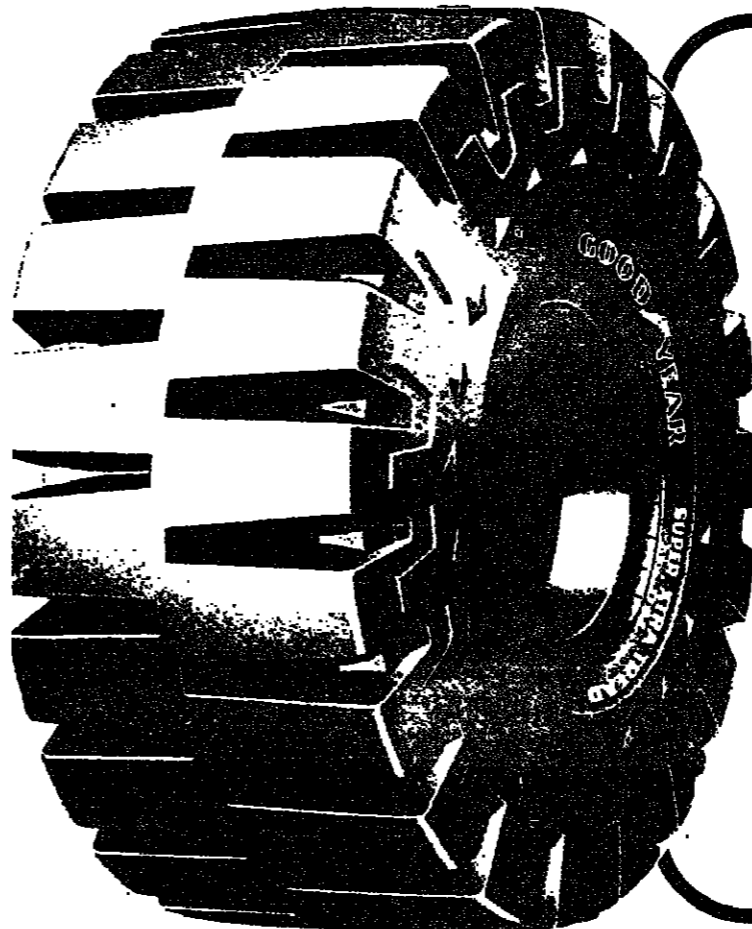
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ECONOMY

Cloudy Sweden develops solar energy for homes

STOCKHOLM — Sweden, where the sun hardly shines for five months of the year, is surprisingly looking towards solar energy as one of the main ways of reducing its dependence on imported oil.

Yet, despite generally chilly temperatures scientists and engineers say energy can be extracted from the air on a large-enough scale to provide heat and hot water for domestic use.

Dr. Lars Hansson of Sweden's national board for energy source development says: "We have the potential to replace oil completely with domestic energy sources."

Sweden's urgent need to reduce its oil consumption is illustrated by the fact that each of its eight million inhabitants uses the equivalent of about four tons of oil a year compared with an average world figure of one ton.

The centre-right coalition government recently proposed that Sweden should try to cut its dependence on oil from the present 70 per cent of all energy used to 40 per cent by 1990.

It also promised to plough 1.7 billion crowns (\$362 million) into the research and development of domestic sources of energy, including solar and air power.

Olle Lindstroem, professor at the chemical technology department of Stockholm's Royal Institute of Technology said in a recent

paper: "Sweden has a lot of land, about six hectares (15 acres) per inhabitant and a lot of sun during the summer. Each square metre of Sweden receives an average input of 100 watts of solar energy compared with top global figures of around 200-300 watts."

Stockholm, for example, receives 1,500 to 2,000 hours of sunlight each year — about 40 per cent as much as the Sahara desert — though the city's available solar energy is 30 times greater in the summer than in the winter.

But the big problem is how to store the solar energy amassed during the summer months for use in the winter when it is most needed.

The government-owned Studsvik Energy Technology Company believes it has the answer in what it claims is one of the first solar energy systems for central heating using season-to-season storage.

Prototype plant, recently built at Studsvik, south of Stockholm, will supply a 500 square metre office block with its total yearly heating requirements.

The project is the first of several

financed by the Swedish council for building research to use solar energy for all or part of the heating and hot-water needs of offices, flats and houses.

The Studsvik pilot plant consists of an insulated, covered pool containing 640 cubic metres of water. Parabolic solar collectors, which rotate to track the course of the sun, straddle the pool on a floating lid of polyurethane foam.

The solar collectors heat up the water below, which is then circulated through conventional heating pipes.

A larger scale experimental solar central-heating plant, at the

small town of Ingelstad near Vae-xjoe in southern Sweden, is designed to provide 52 new houses with one-half of their annual heating and hot-water requirements, again using parabolic solar collectors.

The Hultra Norra single-family housing development scheme outside Ronneby on the Swedish southeast coast chooses air rather than sun to cut by up to 60 per cent the annual consumption of oil for the heating and hot water of 55 houses.

With financial and technical support from the Swedish council for building research and from the

Studsvik energy technology company, Ronneby municipality operates a diesel-powered that pump which draws heat from outdoor air, even in the dead of winter.

A system of distribution pipes delivers water at 60 degrees centigrade to the radiators of the individual houses, where the water is cooled to 40 degrees centigrade and is then returned to the heat pump unit and continuously recycled.

The system can supply the heat demands of the entire district without the need for back-up technical resources and is the largest

of its type in Sweden, a municipal official said. The system, based on a design by Lars Wahlgren, an engineer from Malmö in southern Sweden, is made to operate in temperatures ranging from minus 20 degrees to plus 30 degrees centigrade, the normal temperature range found in Sweden.

The council for building research says a pilot study on the feasibility of using underground rock chambers to store water heated by solar energy is to be conducted by Studsvik in conjunction with another company.

(Reuter)

Soaring U.S. interest rates worry EEC

BRUSSELS, May 8 (R) — Soaring U.S. interest rates have caused concern in Europe but Common Market countries have failed to agree on concerted policy as a prelude to transatlantic co-operation to bring rates down, diplomatic sources said today.

Contacts between EEC finance ministers had thrown up important differences in interest rate policies, and the only European response to higher U.S. rates was an increase in the cost of borrowing in Europe.

This in turn has led to fears that Europe's slow recovery from recession may be stalled, they said.

Consultations between individual countries and the U.S. had convinced European leaders that the Reagan Administration would not budge from its tough monetary policy, the sources said.

Tight control of the U.S. money supply has prompted this week's steep rise in prime rates to 19 per cent and a soaring U.S. dollar on foreign exchanges.

Some EEC states, led by Britain, are reluctant to criticise the U.S. for adopting the tough anti-inflation policy which Europe has been urging for years, the diplomats said.

The impetus for a collective

EEC policy on interest rates came from West Germany and Belgium.

But the widely differing performance of member states' economies presented a major barrier, the sources said.

With inflation, growth and unemployment rates all at vastly different levels in the ten it would be very difficult to co-ordinate interest rates, they said.

Belgium, one of the strongest advocates of a common policy to bring rates down nonetheless raised its own bank rate to a post-war record last month to stave off currency crisis.

West German Finance Minister

Hans Matthoer, who has proposed transatlantic cooperation publicly, is at odds with his own central bank which prefers to rely on market forces to determine interest rates, they said.

Heavy reliance on imported oil priced in dollars and a fierce determination to hold down inflation meant the Bundesbank would sacrifice economic growth in defence of the Deutschmark, the sources said.

Britain, with its own tough monetary and free market policies, has also resisted attempts to pull down interest rates, they said.

Policy on Japanese autos stymies planners at EEC

BRUSSELS, May 8 (R) — The European Economic Community feels it should make a strong response to last week's trade pact limiting Japanese car exports to the United States, but there is confusion at EEC headquarters over what it should be.

A call from the EEC's commission last Wednesday for "similar arrangement" to the U.S. accord revealed the urgency with which it viewed the new development, diplomatic sources said.

But it failed to offer any clarification on what form any Japanese agreement to limit car exports to the Community might take, the sources said.

"EEC ambassadors agreed at a meeting yesterday that the situation over Japanese cars has now changed radically, and we need to react. But that is about all member states have been able to agree on so far," one British diplomat said.

Concerned over Japan's growing trade surplus with the EEC which reached \$11 billion last year, and over the concentration of its exports in critical sectors like cars and electronics, EEC foreign ministers called last November for a "wide-ranging dialogue between the Community and Japan based on a common strategy."

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, May 8 — Equities were generally firmer today and government bonds again made small gains but trading in both sectors was quiet, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was up 4.3 at 568.9.

Oils were in demand, BP and Shell adding 12p and 10p respectively. Lasso was 25p, higher at 604. Global Natural Resources firmed to 98p around midday on speculation concerning the size of the pan-Arctic oil find in which it has an interest but the share eventually closed 50p higher at 965.

Gold shares were higher with the slight rise in the bullion price. U.S. and Canadian issues were also generally firmer.

Government bonds were 1/8 or 1/4 point higher at the official close but put on another 1/4 point in after hours business when no new "tap" announcement was made, dealers said.

Australian banks continued active after news of merger talks between the National Bank of Australasia, which ended a penny lower, and Commercial Banking Company of Sydney which firmed 118p to 365. Commercial Bank of Australia was up 45p at 285 and ANZ Group added 5p to 258.

Barrats shed 11p after announcing £21.7 million rights issue. ICL was steady at 45 and Dunlop added 2p in active trading after the annual report.

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